processing industries in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the role these cooperative have played in the promotion of food processing sector in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 80.75 lakhs, Rs. 109.49 lakhs and Rs. 160.78 lakhs was extended to the cooperatives in Maharashtra under the Plan Schemes of this Ministry covering Fruit and Vegetables Processing, Meat & Poultry Processing and Fisheries Sectors during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively.

(c) The activities undertaken by these cooperatives for the promotion of food processing in Maharashtra *inter alia* include setting up of post harvest handling facilities, establishment of an integrated project for poultry production and processing and creation of infrastructural facilities for preservation and processing of fish.

Government organization carrying Pepsi advertisements

504. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minster of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government organisation—including police stations in Delhi—are carrying Pepsi advertisements;

(b) if so, who permitted display of these advertisements; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions of this"arrangements"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Autonomy to select PSUs

505. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give more autonomy to selected nine navratna public sector enterprises?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted for selecting the navratna;

(d) whether the boards of navratnas will also be restructured to induct eminent non-official part time directors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government have granted greater autonomy and operational freedom to nine selected public sector enterprises. The criteria for selecting the enterprises included factors like size, performance, nature of activity, future prospects etc.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir, for the selection of non-official part-time Directors, a Search Committee has been set up.

Slump in Industrial growth

506. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minster of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial growth during 1996-97 slumped to just around 7% as against 12% during the

preceding years;

(b) if so, the main reasons for this decline in industrial growth, indicating sector-wise growth showing comparative figures of production and growth for the two consecutive years; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to step up industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) As per the quick index of industrial production, the overall industrial growth in 1996-97 was 6.7% as compared to 11.6% in 1995-96. Sector-wise growth in industrial production is indicated below:—

Industrial growth (%)

Sector	Growth Rates (1995-96)	Growth Rates (1996-97)
Mining	7.4	1.2
Electricity	8.1	3.8
Manufacturing	12.9	8.0
Overall	11.6	6.7

Decelaration in industrial growth has been mainly due to under performance in crude petroleum, power and consumer durable sectors. Sector specific strategies had already been initiated to remove some of the constraints in the under performing sectors. The Credit Policy announced by RBI is also expected to provide further impetus to industrial growth. Government has also taken initiatives in Union Budget, 1997-98 for further improving investment climate and to remove infrastructure bottlenecks for accelerated industrial growth.

पेटेंट कानून के क्षेत्र में अमरीकी एकाधिकार

507. **श्री भगवान माझी:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्व के 95 संगठनों ने पेटेंट कानूनों के आधार पर बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकारों के क्षेत्र में अमरीका के एकाधिकार के विरुद्ध उसे चेतावनी दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में भारत की क्या स्थिति है;

(ग) उन भारतीय उद्योगों के क्या-क्या नाम हैं जिन पर संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका द्वारा प्रतिबंध लगाए गए हैं; और

(घ) ऐसे प्रतिबंधों के संबंध में भारत सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है तथा आगे कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

उद्योग शून्य जिला घोषित करने के लिए नियम

508. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री नागमणि:

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) किसी क्षेत्र को उद्योग शून्य जिला घोषित करने के लिए क्या नियम हैं;

(ख) आज की स्थिति के अनुसार राज्य-वार उद्योग शून्य जिलों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं; और

(ग) इन उद्योग-शून्य जिलों में उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए क्या उपाए किए जा रहे हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) जिला उद्योग केन्द्र कार्य योजना 1979-80 के अनुसार जिन जिलों में कोई मझौले या बड़े उद्योग नहीं थे उनकी "उद्योग विहीन जिला" के रूप में पहचान कर ली गई थी। सम्पूर्ण देश में "उद्योग विहिन जिला" के रूप में कुल 93 जिलों का पता लगाया गया था।

(ख) और (ग) उद्योग मंत्रालय का उद्योग विहीन जिला की सूची को पुनः निकालने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि, कर प्रोत्साहनों के प्रयोजनार्थ पिछड़े क्षेत्रों/जिलों का पता लगाने की प्रक्रिया वित्त मंत्रालय (राजस्व विभाग) के विचाराधीन है।

Indian machine tool manufacturing industry

509. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minster of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: